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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1714**

PATENT
Docket No. 97078CIPDIV1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Johnson et al. Group Art Unit: 1714
Application No.: 09/752,227 Examiner: Shosho, C.
Filed: December 29, 2000 Confirmation No. 5132
For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING IMPROVED DISPERSING
PROPERTIES**

**Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.